

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2009. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, 11-14 and 17-20 are pending in the Application. Claims 1, 5, 6, 7 and 13 are independent claims. Claims 9, 10, 15 and 16 are canceled herein, without prejudice. The Applicants respectfully reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein, either at a later time during the prosecution of this application or any continuing applications.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-5 are allowed.

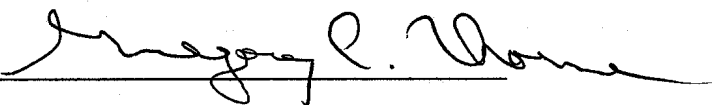
The Applicants have elected to amend claims 6, 7 and 13 to include the subject matter indicated as allowable in claims 1-5. Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 6, 7 and 13 are patentable and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 8, 11, 12, 14 and 17-20 respectively depend from one of claims 7 and 13 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support

of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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